Grade 8 Reading and Writing Assessment

“All teachers are teachers of reading and writing.”

* **All teachers of grade 8 students** will need to complete **an assessment on each student**
* Assessments are attached; be sure to include name and subject
* To base your assessments you will want to collect samples. See the sample ideas under the sections of reading comprehension and expository writing below.
* The grade 8 ELA teacher at your school will then compile the information for Manitoba Education by early February.
* Assessments need to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reading Comprehension**

* Understands key ideas and messages in a variety of texts
* Interprets a variety of texts
* Responds critically to a variety of texts

Text = visual, oral, and media texts

What can be assessed?

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| Learning to Read, Reading to Learn, Reading to Respond & Reading for Pleasure | |
| Comprehension Strategies (story maps, webs, teacher questions) | Retelling of text information |
| Interpretation | Critical Response |
| Graphic Organizers | Teacher observation |
| Journals | Logs |
| Reading Behaviours and attitudes | Ability to skim and scan to locate relevant information |
| Comprehension and interpretation of ideas | Interest in subject area (magazines, websites etc.) |
| Understands non-fiction text structures | Organization of ideas from texts for note- making, writing, projects etc. |
| Reading maps, legends, diagrams |  |

**Expository Writing**

Writing to inform, explain, clarify or define; can entertain as well

Samples of expository writing processes and products to asses may include:

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| Writing to Learn | Writing to Communicate |
| Brainstorming webs | Lab reports |
| Drawing/sketching | Letters |
| Sort/Predict | Diary |
| Concept Maps | Timeline |
| Learning Logs | Biography |
| Peer Conferences | Power Point Presentations |
| Notemaking | Poster |
| Goals and action plans | Newspaper reports |
|  | Journals |
|  | Inquiry/Research projects |

Any questions please don’t hesitate to ask,

Thanks,

*The Portage la Prairie Grade 8 Reading and Writing Assessment Team*